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KOREAN WORKERS PLEDGE STEPPED-UP PRODUCTION

On 5 February 1953, the workers of the state-operated P'yongyang Collective Farm in Pangwon Do held a convention for the purpose of boosting the workers' morale and to make pledges for further production increases. This convention was held in enthusiastic response to a speech made previously by Kim Il-song.

The convention was attended by Song Pong-uk, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and 300 model workers, technicians, and clerks. Representatives of local political and social organizations also attended.

The "Statement of Pledge," which was formulated at the convention and sent to Kim Il-song, stated in part as follows:

The workers of the P'yongyang Collective Farm have decided to hold the present morale-raising convention in response to your speech of 25 January at the meeting held for the leaders of agricultural and marine industries...We hereby pledge to develop our farm as a model farm through improved efficiency, rigorous working rules, higher standards, and increased production. Our work plan is as follows:

a. Livestock

- (1) Contagious diseases shall be prevented through improved cold-preventive devices, sanitation, sterilization, and frequent inspections of the animals.

- (2) The best kinds of livestock and livestock products shall be supplied from this area in abundance, to fulfill national demands, through modern, scientific breeding and raising of livestock. Our wool production quota, for example, will be 4 kilograms per sheep this year as compared with 3.5 kilograms attained last year; and milk production, 3,000 kilograms per cow as against 2,700 kilograms attained last year.

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(3) Technical skill of workers shall be constantly improved through continuous technical training programs.

b. Agriculture

(1) In preparation for the spring sowing, repairing of farm equipment shall be completed by 15 March. Seeds shall be procured before 30 March. The most careful selection of seeds shall be made, so that a germination rate over 95 percent shall be maintained.

(2) Vegetable manure shall be delivered to the fields by 15 March, and chemical fertilizer by the end of March.

(3) The following production quotas shall be established for the crops (1949 quotas as 100): oats, 123 percent; rye, 138 percent; buck wheat, 134 percent; maize, 124 percent; soy bean, 104 percent; Irish potato, 125 percent; radish, 106 percent.

This year we shall put into practice the new crop-rotation system taught us by the Soviet agricultural specialist, Vilyams [approximation from Korean].

c. Construction Projects for Production Facilities

(1) Felling trees to obtain lumber for our buildings shall be completed by 30 March. Stones, bricks, and other building materials shall be self-supplied in so far as possible.

(2) The problem of manpower shortage for construction projects shall be surmounted by the end of February through retraining of the available working force without recruiting additional workers, so that the required manpower shall be on hand by the end of March when the projects commence. We guarantee completion of the projects within this year.

All the workers of the state-operated P'yongyang Collective Farm hereby pledge the satisfactory execution of the above work plans.

ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION QUOTAS PLEDGED -- Minju Chosun, 11 Feb 50

Appeals were made by four prominent workshops in Hamgyong Namdo, including the Hungnam Fertilizer Plant, to all workshops in that province to set special production quotas in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Liberation scheduled for this summer. In an enthusiastic response to the appeals, the young workers of Hamgyong Namdo held a "morale-raising" convention on 5 February at the Hamgyong Namdo Headquarters of the North Korean Labor Party.

Chang Hyong-jun, chairman of the Hamgyong Namdo Democratic Youth Committee, formally opened the convention with an announcement of the convention's purpose, and with words of encouragement to all model workers. An oratorical "contest" followed his address, participated in by 20 youths all of whom expressed firm determination to surpass production quotas under the Two Year People's Economic Program.

Yi Ha-ku, one of the contestants and a worker in the Yongsong Machinery Factory in Hamgyong Namdo, who had completed his individual production quota for the People's Economic Program, on 25 January 1950, pledged that he would help other workers in the factory complete the shop quota by 30 June. The workers of Hungnam Fertilizer Plant, Komdok Coal Mine, Kowon Coal Mine, Hamhung Locomotive District, etc., also promised to surpass or complete their quotas at an advanced date. The convention approved a "Statement of Pledge" which was sent to Kim Il-song.

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TIRE OUTPUT NORM RAISED TO 240 PERCENT -- Minju Chosun, 11 Feb 50

The workers of P'yongyang Special Rubber Factory have pledged themselves to step up production in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Liberation this summer. Workers in the tire, train hose, mine hose, and hydrogen hose manufacturing shops all have pledged to complete their production quotas under the current People's Economic Program by the end of September.

A 3-month advancement of the deadline for production quotas has been decided upon for rubber apron and rubber rolling manufacturing shops. The tire department also has decided to raise its monthly production norm to 240 percent of the present production rate.

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